

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 5-8, 41, and 42 stand rejected. In this response, claims 5-8, 41, and 42 are amended. Accordingly, claims 5-8, 41, and 42 remain pending.

Claim Amendments

As noted herein, claims 5-8, 41, and 42 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the Specification as filed, and thus, do not introduce new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-8, 41, and 42 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Without addressing the merits of the rejections, the Applicants have amended all claims to address the issues identified in the Office Action. Specifically, the relation between the constituent chemicals and the metals, complexing agent, buffer, pH adjuster and reducing agent has been clarified. The Applicants have also amended claim 5 by inserted the language regarding the system controller interfacing with the plurality of tanks suggested in the Office Action. The Applicants believe the claims now stand in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5-8, 41, and 42 are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claimed subject matter may be patentably distinguished from the cited references for reasons in addition to those set forth herein, reasons such as those articulated in papers previously submitted regarding the subject application or related applications. Likewise, it is noted that the Applicants' failure, if any, to comment directly upon any of the positions asserted in the Office Action does not indicate tacit agreement or acquiescence with those asserted positions.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly at 503-796-3756 with any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,
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